

# ROJAS RETAKES CAPTURED FRIEND

Story of How He Freed Gen. Mendoza Is Now Made Public.

With the arrival of Antonio Rojas and his force in Chihuahua, comes the details of the capture from the federalists last week of Gen. Refugio Mendoza from the federalists, who were holding him prisoner.

When news of capture of Gen. Refugio Mendoza and 24 of his command near San Isidro by Capt. Servin of the federalists had been taken to Col. Antonio Rojas in Chihuahua, the colonel gathered his men and told them all that he was going to rescue the general from the hands of the amateur captain and wished to know who would accompany him. All hands went to the rescue.

The colonel comprised on 24 of the best and set out for the town of Guadalupe, where Servin was waiting for reinforcements to bring Mendoza and the other rebels into Chihuahua.

Let on Monday evening, Rojas and his gallants were outside the town of their destination, but decided to picket the outskirts and await daylight before trying to accomplish their end. At daylight Rojas sent a man into the town under cover of a white flag and a note asking for the immediate release of his friend, Gen. Mendoza, and the 24 soldiers who were captured with him.

Capt. Servin asked the bearer of the note many questions before he decided to accede to the request. However, Gen. Mendoza and his 24 men were released and told to accompany the flag bearer to the end of the village street where Rojas and his men awaited their presence.

Mendoza said afterwards that he could hardly believe his eyes when he saw Col. Rojas in the saddle and the latter coming forward to shake hands and embrace him. He thought it was some trick and that he was going to be shot when he was released.

Without molesting the town, Rojas, Mendoza and the men rode away, their destination supposed to be Tamaulipas.

**TWO RANCHES ARE ROBBED OF HORSES AND SADDLES**

Men Said To Be Part of Pancho Villa's Troops Take Horses at Remedios and Coyotillas.

Chihuahua, Mex., Feb. 28.—A band of 12 mounted and armed men visited the Los Remedios ranch, situated about 10 miles south of this city, saying what they came from Pancho Villa and must have money, horses and saddles for the cause. The proprietor, W. R. Benton, whom they were talking to, asked the leader of the men, Jose Granadas, which political side he was allied with and the latter replied, "I am with the government and Pancho Villa."

"Well then, in that case," said Mr. Benton, "you don't require any horses or money from me unless you can show the proper warrants from the government which you say you represent."

Granadas, a patriot of the Madero revolution, moved about the room uneasily at this time, and he requested and finally jerked his gun from its holster and handling it rather clumsily suggested to Mr. Benton that he had better part with three horses, two saddles, two rifles and two pistols, otherwise his government "warrant" might go off and someone would die. Under cover of the firearms Mr. Benton was compelled to submit to the demands and they left the ranch, taking with them the above mentioned.

On Tuesday morning another band composed of seven armed men visited the Coyotillas hacienda, also belonging to Mr. Benton, and told the foreman that they had instructions from Pancho Villa to search the premises for horses, saddles, food or whatever they wished to take. The intruders were in charge of N. Hernandez, who is said to have been a patriot of the last revolution. They searched the place from top to bottom and took five horses and several saddles.

News of the latter assault was conveyed to Mr. Benton and he hurried to this city, where he made complaint to governor Gonzalez. The British consul in this city, Capt. Scobell, when apprised of the holdup, placed his services at Mr. Benton's command, the latter being a British subject.

Governor Gonzalez is in receipt of further expressions of loyalty from Villa through the latter's secretary and has commissioned Villa to proceed

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## SMUGGLING ARMS OVER AT DOUGLAS

Captured Americans Expected to Be Killed En Route to Cananea.

Douglas, Ariz., Feb. 28.—Customs officials admitted today that two wagon loads of rifles and ammunition had been traced through Douglas into Sonora and that the ammunition included not less than 20,000 rounds. Secret service men are now at work and it is thought arrests for the violation of the neutrality laws will follow.

The revolutionary spirit in Douglas, which has been smoldering for several weeks, burst into fury when a report was circulated that seven Americans who were captured at the Niteras, Mexico, last week and charged with being outlaws, were to be put to death by Mexican soldiers.

The Americans were caught with arms and ammunition on their persons, and the Mexicans charged that they were en route to join the revolutionists. The Americans were placed under guard and were brought to Agua Prieta by train. Immediately a guard was formed and the men started on a commissario Calles, or Agua Prieta, they will be given a fair trial. Few persons, here, however, believe the men will ever reach Cananea.

## CARLOADS OF MAIL FOR MEXICO HERE

Red, white and green Mexican mail sacks, 2000 of them, are corded along the union station platform awaiting delivery to Mexico. There are now three carloads of Mexican mail matter being held in El Paso and more is coming from Sonora and other ports and from the United States all the time.

The mail is being cared for by the transfer office of the railway mail service and the local Juarez mail will be delivered to Mexican consular agents, who will have his clerks attempt to deliver as much as possible to the refugees on this side of the river. The remainder will be delivered to Juarez by the consular, according to the tentative arrangement made by postmaster Smith and chief clerk David McKnight Wednesday.

The remainder of the mail for Chihuahua and points on the National and Pearson lines will be held until instructions are received from the postoffice department.

**JUAREZ MAN SAID TO BE UNDER ARREST IN MEXICO**

Luis Hernandez, a prominent civil engineer of Ciudad Juarez and a candidate for mayor at the last election, was arrested in Mexico City a few days ago, according to a report received in Ciudad Juarez. The charge against Hernandez is being implicated in the manifestations and mutiny several weeks ago in Juarez.

Hernandez came out openly a few Sundays ago in Ciudad Juarez and led a manifestation against the collector of customs at that time, Camilo Argueta.

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